GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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PRODUCTION OF ARECANUT
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has received any proposal from the Government of Kerala for improving the production and productivity of Arecanut;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to encourage use of modern techniques for increasing the production of Arecanut?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. The Department of Agriculture & Cooperation had received a proposal for replantation/rejuvenation of arecanut gardens affected by yellow leaf disease. An assistance of Rs.1170.83 lakhs for a period of three years has been approved under National Horticulture Mission to cover an area of 9542 ha. affected by the disease.

(c): With a view to encourage use of modern techniques for increasing the production of Arecanut, the Directorate of Arecanut and Spices Development, Calicut is implementing a programme called "Technology dissemination through front line demonstration of multi species cropping systems in the existing arecanut gardens" with assistance from National Horticulture Mission.